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TO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WORLD WAR I DEBT AND JOHNSON ACT

REF: BUDAPEST 0137 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY WILL NO DOUBT HAVE RECEIVED DEPARTMENT'S CABLE REPLYING TO BUDAPEST 4156 AND CONTAINING REDRAFT OF NOTE ON DEBT QUESTION.

2. EMBASSY WILL RECALL DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSMISSION OF WORLD WAR II RELIEF DEBT TABLES. AT THAT TIME COPIES WERE SENT TO EMBASSY BY POUCH AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND GIVEN TO HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HERE FOR TRANSMISSION VIA OWN CHANNELS. THE DUDICS-LAKOS-AKAR LINKAGE IS MERELY A REPEAT. LAKOS AND AKAR ARE CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT COMMUNICATION ON DEBT PROBLEM. YOU MAY WISH TO QUERY MILLER FURTHER ON THIS DURING HIS VISIT IN BUDAPEST.

3. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF ALTERING VENUE OF TALKS DEBT QUESTION. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT MFA HAS IN PAST BEEN RELUCTANT TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH ISSUES TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON. WE HAD ATTRIBUTED THIS IN PART TO LACK OF TRUST IN FORMER
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AMBASSADOR SZABO, BUT WE NOTE NO SIGN OF A CHANGE
NOW. THEREFORE IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE HUNGARIANS
ALSO PREFER BUDAPEST AS THE SITE FOR THOSE DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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